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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Permission to F. W. Smith to manufacture and sell Columbo arrack.

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From
Mrs. J. W. Smith.
Mysore

Section 82
File No 4—1879
Serial No 1

To

Dated 10th September/79.
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No.

Requesting permission to manufacture and sell Colombo arrack in the Provinces of Mysore & Kong

To
The Chief Commissioner
of Mysore & Coorg

Sir

I have the honor to request that permission may be granted to me to manufacture and sell Colombo Arrack in the Provinces of Mysore & Coorg.

I The present Arrack Contractor of Coorg having guaranteed a minimum Revenue to Government might possibly object to the introduction of Colombo Arrack during the time of his Contract, but I am given to understand that the Coorg Arrack Contract will terminate at the end of next March, and I would request permission to sell Colombo Arrack in the Province of Coorg from that date ———

II I would if permission for the manufacture and sale of Colombo Arrack were granted to me be willing to pay a duty of Rs. 1-8-0 per Imperial gallon, and to erect at my own expence any buildings which might be necessary for its manufac

III The sale of Colombo Arrack would not I believe interfere to any appreciable extent with that of the ordinary kind, as its taste is entirely different, and it would be sold at a higher price, having never ma- any Columbo Arrack here I am unable to say what the cost would be, but at the Madras dis- lery during the time of the late Contractor Mr Pritchard, the cost of production per gallon of Columbo Arrack was I think H.

of the ordinary kind, for there se- ems I do not as I said before anticipate Colombo a- ck coming into competetion with the ordinary Kind but I do think it may very probably diminis- the sales of the bad cheap brandy, which I Un- is now largely consumed in Coorg, and I belie- also in Bangalore, and on which I think no duty is carried by Government.

IV As this will be an entire new enterprise in these provinces and a very Considerable preliminary expenditure must be incurred, I trust that the exclusive privilege of the manufacture and sale of Colombo arrack may be granted to me

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servt

R. Wolseley Lewis

Mysore
10.9.79

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Section S.2
File No 4-1879
Serial No 2

To
The Dy Commissioner
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, 1st November 1879.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith Revenue Survey Map No 29 of 1329 F. Nanjangud Taluk.

Cench No 29 of 1st November 79.

Order

The accompanying copy of application from Mr Smith for the manufacture and sale of Colombo Arrack in Mysore & Coorg is forwarded to the Dy Comm. of Mysore and the Supdt. of Coorg for report.

The vend of Colombo Arrack cannot be permitted at lower rates of duty than those levied for country Arrack.

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To The Dy Comr Mysore Dt.
& The Superintendent of Coorg

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Section SL
File No 4-1879
Serial No 3

From
The Dy Commissioner
Nuwara District

To The Revenue Secretary
& Chief. Comm.

Dated 17th November
Recd. 22/11/79. Shimoga -
Rep. Encls: Nil / 12-11

No. 1329

Submits report on the application of Mr. Smith for the manufacture of Colombo arrack.

Vide number 6323 of 24-2-80
P. 1105

Dy Commissioners Office
Dated Mysore 17 Novembr

To.

The Revenue Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysor

Sir,

It is with great hesitation that I
have the honor to forward the report
called for in your No. 29 of the 9th Instan
on the application of Mr. F.W. Smith fo
monopoly of manufacture and vend of
Colombo Arrack as I know little about
it and do not know where to enlarge m
information, but shall endeavour to do
if opportunity offers during the leave that
has been granted me. I enclose a letter
received from Mr. Smith on the subject
2. The applicant with whom I have
discussed the question, but from whom
I obtained little or no information fo
poses manufacturing it from Date Toddy
but real Colombo Arrack is invariably
produced from the Toddy of the Cocoa Tr
(Cocos Nucifera) which after fermentation
is distilled and rectified and yields usua
about 1/8th part of pure spirit. It therefore
appears to me that the spirit proposed to
manufactured is this called by the appli

the opinion of many rivals or does not yield the palm to the celebrated Batavia Arrack of Commerce. It might therefore be well, should the application be granted to recommend a change in the proposed name of the spirit.

3. Provided a new wholesome unadulterated spirit can be produced in the Ceylon Territory. I see no reason for Government withholding sanction from the enterprise provided it can give that sanction without infringing any existing rights. The present Arrack Contractors have the monopoly for distillation of Arrack and rum, this does not require Government to interdict the sale of many other spirits, but whether the mis-called "Colombo" Arrack" that is to be is so closely allied to the arrack of the Combay, as to affect the monopoly now in force never having seen or tasted the spirit, I am not in a position to say, but should the Consumption of the present manufactured arrack fall off, doubtless the present Contractors would press on Government that the monopoly had been infringed, this is an additional reason for considering the name an ill chosen one.

4. To guard against any such possible difficulty in future I consider, as mentioned by you in your letter forwarding the applicatio

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To

The Deputy Commissioner

Mysore District

Sir

With reference to your No. 1235, dated 3rd Inst.,
I have the honor to forward herewith the informa-
-tion called for by you.

I I would propose making the Colombo Arrack
at the Kookerhully Distillery if the building
is not required by Government for any other
purpose, should Government not allow me to
make it there, I would erect at my own expense
the necessary buildings at another site near
the Town of Mysore, pointed out by me, the
site being given by Government,

II The Spirit issued from the Distillery
to be of two different strengths, viz of 20 degrees
under proof, and the other of 30 degrees under proof,
a margin of 2 degrees on either side being allowed
that is to say, the 20 under proof might be
issued at a strength, varying from 18 to 22 degrees
under proof, and that of 30 degrees under proof
varying from 28 to 32, no Spirit to be issued
at a strength greater than 18 degrees, under
proof, or weaker than 32 degrees under proof.

III The duty on all liquor for Consumption in
Towns stronger than 28 degrees under proof,

to be Rs. 3-3-0 per Imperial Gallon, and that on liquor of 28 degrees under proof and weaker, to be Rs. 1-8-0 per Imperial Gallon, for Calcutta consumption the duty on liquor stronger than 28 degrees under proof to be Rs. 2-2-0, and that on liquor of 28 degrees under proof and weaker to be Rs. 1-0-0, duty to be paid on every Imperial Gallon issued from the Distillery, less 5 per cent allowed for wastage, the payments of the duty to be made on, or before the 15th of the month following that on which the liquor is issued, and no liquor to be taken out of the distillery until it has been gauged, and passed by a Government Officials,

IV Ten Shops to be sanctioned in the Town, and four in each Talook, the Shop Keepers to be appointed and licensed by me, and the liquor to be sold at the undermentioned Rates

		Max price	Min price
Liquor 20 degrees under proof	In Towns	Rs. 6-0-0	Rs. 5-0-0
	In Talooks	Rs. 5-0-0	Rs. 4-0-0
Liquor 30 degrees under proof	In Towns	Rs. 5-0-0	Rs. 4-0-0
	In Talooks	Rs. 4-0-0	Rs. 3-0-0

V As this is entirely a new enterprise in this Province, and as a large preliminary outlay will be necessary, I think I might fairly ask that the exclusive right for the manufacture and sale should be granted to me for the next ten years, and as a large quantity of Toddy is used in the manufacture of Colombo Arrack, I would request that Government may guarantee to me, the right to draw Toddy

from the date Soper in Jellorale and Bullagoola Hobbis, and I would agree to pay to the Loddy Contractors, or to Government, 6 pie per Indda, for all Loddy taken from those Sopes, all the expense of drawing Cartage etc, being borne by me, or if Government would consider that it might be preferable for me to sub Rent the above Hunts or other date Sopes, I would be prepared to do so, at any fair Rent that might be fixed upon by Government

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

F. Wolseley Smith

Mysore

Novr 8th 1879

1879

From
F. W. Smith Esqre
Mysore
Dated 8th November

Submits the information called for regarding the manufacture and sale of Colombo and Ro.

Undertook to supply the Cornish Convicts with Curry Stuff at the rate of 4d per lb

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From Rev J W. Smith

To The ~~Secretary to the Chief Commissioner~~ of ~~Mysore, General Department.~~ Mysore

Section 8A

File No 4-187

Serial No 4

Dated 3rd January 1880.

Despatched

Received 23rd Jan 1880.

Enclosures No.

General No.

No.

Requests that certain
Topes in the Mysore District
may be handed over to
him for the supply of
Toddy for the purpose of
manufacturing Colombo
Arrack

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To
The Revenue Secretary
Mysore Province

Sir

In continuation of my letter of the 10th Sept. 1879 requesting that permission may be given to me to manufacture Colombo Arrack, I have the honor to propose, that four topes in each of the undermentioned Talooks, namely, Kunjungode, Periapatam, Mysore, and Ashtagram, viz in that of Chamrajnugger, and the Kundayem, and Seringanagem topes in Mysore Talook, may be handed over to me for the supply of Toddy for the purpose of manufacturing Colombo Arrack; this arrangement will in no way interfere with the supply of Toddy for drinking, as in the above mentioned Talooks there is a far greater supply of Toddy available, than can ever possibly be used; should this arrangement meet with your approval, I will send in a list of the names of the proposed topes, as soon as permission to begin operations is granted to me

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt
A. E. Woseley. Lieut.

Mysore
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To The Secretary to the Govt
Revenue Dept

Section S. R.
File No 4 - 1877
Serial No 5

Dated 10th January 1880
Despatched 12 " — "
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Enclosures No.

General No.
No. 1072

Memo

Forwards Coorg Supdt's
No 500/240 dated 16 December
1879 reporting on Mr Smith's
application for permission
to manufacture & sell
Colombo arrack for reference
and information when
deciding the question as
it refers to Mysore.

Copy of the orders passed
affecting the application in
Mysore is requested in order
that orders may be issued
in accordance therewith
in Coorg. By order

W Cunningham

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Section S.A
File No 4—1879
Serial No 6

Copy to Dy. Com. Inyam Dist.
Mr F. W. Smith Inyam
(* Surv. Genl. Deptt.)

Dated 24 } February
Recd 25 }
27/2/80.

Copy to Surv. Genl. Deptt.

No 6323-4 (* 6325
GP. 1105 1106

Intimates the conditions
which the manufacture
and sale of Colombo
Arrack could be allowed.

Assam Govt

Contractors hold the
Monopoly of the sale
of Arrack generally
without limiting it
to any particular
description – There
seems however no
occasion for consider-
ing the matter further
as Mr Smith's appli-
cation asks for a
great deal more
than the above terms
~~which cannot be~~
~~granted~~.

Rec Secy

To The Dy Commrs of
~~Bangalore~~, Mysore
& Hassan Dists.
The President, Bangalore
Municipal Commrs
Mr F. Wakeley Smith,
Mysore

No. 6325
P. 1106 Memo.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary in the Revl Deptt with ref: to his Memo No. 1012 dy 10th January 1880 – Copy Supdt Letter No $\frac{500}{210}$ dy 16th Dec 1879 is herewith returned –

Rec'd

Read :— 9

Letter dated 10th Septr 1879 from Mr F. Wolseley Smith, Mysore, requesting permission to manufacture and sell Colombo Arrack in Mysore & Coorg.

Letter from the Dy Comr of Mysore No. 1329 of the 17th November 1879.

Letter from Mr F.W. Smith, dated the 3rd January 1880.

No. 6323-4 d/ 24 Febry/80.
P. 1105

Order thereon.

The manufacture and sale of Colombo Arrack proposed by Mr Smith can only be allowed on the following conditions :—

I. That the Arrack shall pay a Govt duty at the same rate as is now levied on Country Arrack in Mysore & Bangalore, viz, Rs. 3/3/0 per Gallon of 6 Bottles 20° u.p, which is equiva-

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=dent to the Sea Customs
duty of 4 Rs per gallon
levied on imported
Brandy of the strength
of London proof.

II. That the Arrack
shall be allowed to be
sold only at licensed
shops in the larger towns
like Mysore and Bangalor
the shops paying License
fees at the same rates
as licensed Brandy shops.

III. That the lower
rate of duty sanctioned
for the Districts in regard
to Country Arrack, ~~shall~~ will no
~~Cccccc~~ be allowed, nor
~~the~~ sale of Colombo
arrack permitted in
the Districts generally
beyond the limits of
the principal towns.

IV. That the manufactu
shall be carried on
at a Govt. Distillery

General, (Serial No. 29.)

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Section S.12
File No 4-1879
Serial No 7

From The Dy Commissioner
Mysore District

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revs: ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 28th May 1880

Despatched

Received 3 [illegible]

Enclosures No. 1

General. No 114 / No. } 1880—81.

Forwards copy of a letter received from Mr. Smith regarding the manufacture of Colombo arrack.

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To Revenue papers

No. 114

Dy: Commissioner's Office
Mysore District,
Dated Mysore 28th May 1880.

To
The Revenue Secretary to
Chief Commissioner of Mysore

Sir,

In forwarding you a copy of a letter this day received from Mr. Smith, I have the honor to inform you that I took no action on Chief Commissioner's Proc: No. 6323-4 of 24th February last, as none seems called for. Apparently by the 2d par a the tenderer is aware that Government now receiving no country arrack from the Distillery owing to the foul state of the machinery at the Distillery.

No. 1105

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt

Dy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

Sir,

With reference to certain previous correspondence on the subject of Colombo Arrack, I beg to forward herewith a copy of my last letter to the Revenue Secretary, in which I agreed to comply with all the terms contained in the order of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No $\frac{6323-4}{R\ 1105}$ dated February 24th 1880, and I have the honor to request that you will kindly inform me, if any instructions have been received by you on the subject, and that no orders have yet reached your office, may I ask of you to communicate with the Rev: Secretary on the subject.

In addition to the reasons for granting to me the privilege of manufacturing Colombo Arrack put forward in my letters of September 10th 1879, and January 3rd 1880, it has since occurred to me, that Government by allowing the manufacture, would in the event of any deficiency arising, either in the quality or quantity of the country arrack, secure themselves in a great measure against any loss of Revenue, the Colombo arrack paying the same duty as

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the Country arrack, and although as I have previously stated, I do anticipate much competition between the two different Kinds of arrack, still I imagine Mco if for a short time Country arrack was not procurable, Colombo arrack might then be used by a good many people as a temporary substitute.

I have &c—

Mysore
27th May 1880

Signed J. Wolseley Smith

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

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To
The Revenue Secretary
Mysore Province

Sir

With reference to your order Re $\frac{\text{S}323\text{-}4}{\text{R}1105}$ dated 24th Ultimo I have the honor to forward herewith my reply in detail and to agree to all the undermentioned Conditions

I That a duty to Govt be paid by me at the rate levied on Country Arrack in Mysore and Bangalore viz Rs. 3-3.0 per Gallon of 6 bottles 20 U.P

II That the Colombo Arrack be sold only at licensed shops in the larger towns the shops paying licence fees at the same rates as licensed brandy shops

III That the lower rate of duty sanctioned for the districts in regard to Country Arrack shall not be sanctioned for the Colombo Arrack and that it shall not be sold in the districts generally beyond the limits of the principal towns of the districts

IV That the manufacture be carried on at Cookerhully distillery and that I shall pay a rent of Rs. 20 per month at present and as soon as water is supplied by Govt any fair increase of rent and that I pay to Govt the Cost of the establishment necessary for supervision

V That the Colombo arrack shall not be sold at lower price than that fixed for Country Arrack in towns

VI That for the present I will make my own arrangements with the Toddy Contractors for the supply of Toddy but I have the honor to request that as proposed in my letter of the 3rd Ultimo four topes in each of the Talooks of Nunjungode Periapatam Astapam and Mysore and six in that of Chamrajnuggur may be made over to me I agree to pay any fair rent fixed upon by Govt, the supply of Toddy for drinking can in no way be interfered with

by the renting to me of these Topes as in the Talooks I have named the supply is far greater than can ever possibly be utilised for drinking, if this proposal is sanctioned the names of the proposed topes will be forwarded within a short time of permission to rent them having been given

VI 2

I request that I may be permitted to sell the Colombo Arrack wherever in the Mysore Territory Brandy is sold and where the Country Arrack is not given out for a guaranteed minimum Revenue and also at places where there are a European popu-lation, and I also request that permission may be granted in the joint names of Lieuts Pappanal for the manufacture and sale of the Colombo Arrack at as early a date as possible as the necessary preliminary operations will occupy a consider-able time

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obdt Servt

F. Wolseley Lieut

Mysore

March 1st 1880

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(General Serial No. 31.)

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File No 14-16 17
Serial No 8

From Jno. F. Wolseley Smith
Mysore

To

Dated 25th October 1880

Despatched

Received 27/1/81

Enclosures No.

General No.

No.

Requests that permission may be granted to him to manufacture & sell Colombo Arrack in this Province from the 1st April next.

Vide Govt. No. 1 of 1881

General Serial No. 30.)

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File No 4-1877

Serial No 9

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Rev: Department.

To

The Dy Commr. Mysore &c.

E. Wolseley Smith Esq

Dated 25 October

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General. No. 4238-9

No. 740

Intimates that Mr Smith's application to manufacture Colombo arack must be declined for the present.